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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND
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**METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ACTIVATING AN
ELECTROMAGNETIC CONSUMER**

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Transmitted herewith for the above-identified application is an Amendment.

Also, Applicants respectfully request a one month extension of time in which to respond to the office action dated September 12, 2000, for which a response period expiring on December 12, 2000 was set. The extended period expires on January 12, 2001.

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2000, please reconsider the above identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 2 and 4 as follows:

Sub C1
2.

(Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of increasing the duration of the time window [starting from a starting value] if the current is lower than the threshold value.

Sub C3
4.

(Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising the step of increasing the duration of the time window until [reaching] a maximum value for the duration is reached.